

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 063572

62

ORIGIN NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03

SS-20 USIA-15 OMB-01 ACDA-19 /146 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/CYP:RWERDMAN:MJB

APPROVED BY NEA/CYP - THOMAS D. BOYATT

EUR/NE (INFO)

----- 015344

R 292054Z MAR 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 063572

E.O. 11652:YGDS

TAGS:PFOR, PINS, CY, US, TU, GR, UK, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE TO ATHENS

REF: STATE 61581

1. UK EMBOFF CORNISH CALLED ON DIRECTORATE ON 28 MARCH AND PROVIDED RECENT REPORTS FROM UK EMBASSIES IN ATHENS AND ANKARA CONTAINING INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR YOUR TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

2. ACCORDING THESE REPORTS, GREEK MFA DESK OFFICER GOUNARIS TOLD BRITS THAT SOVIET DEMARCHE TO GOG LISTED REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BASES AMONG PRINCIPLES OF ITS POLICY TOWARDS CYPRUS AND, IN ALLEGING FOREIGN INTERVENTION, SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO ROLE OF GREEK OFFICERS IN NATIONAL GUARD. ON FIRST POINT VLACHOS REPORTEDLY TOLD SOVIETS THAT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 063572

BASES BELONGED TO BRITAIN AND HE DID NOT PROPOSE TO DISCUSS

THEM. ON SECOND POINT VLACHOS REPLIED THAT ALL GREEK OFFICERS POSTED TO NATIONAL GUARD IN CYPRUS WERE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY PRESIDENT MAKARIOS WHO HAD FULL CONFIDENCE IN HIS COMMANDER, GENERAL DENISIS.

3. GOUNARIS CLAIMED THE GREEK MFA DID NOT KNOW WHAT PROMPTED SOVIET MOVES, ADMITTED THAT KAROUSOS' MOVEMENTS MUST HAVE BEEN CONTROLLED TO SOME EXTENT BY GREEK MILITARY AUTHORITIES, BUT DISCOUNTED THIS AS CAUSE OF SOVIET

APPROACH. VLACHOS REPORTEDLY REAFFIRMED TO SOVIETS THAT GREECE HAD ONLY ONE POLICY TOWARDS CYPRUS, I.E., SUPPORT FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND UNITARY, INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN STATE, BUT GOUNARIS ADMITTED RATHER BLUNTLY THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY SIMPLY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER MILITARY REGIME IS PLAYING DOUBLE GAME.

4. UK EMBASSY ANKARA REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES, IN RESPONDING TO SOVIETS, TOOK LINE THAT IF SOVIETS REALLY BELIEVED IN INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS, THEY SHOULD SUPPORT TURK-CYPRIS. SINCE MAKARIOS AND GOG WERE CLEARLY WORKING FOR ENOSIS. TURK FEELING IS THAT SOVIETS WERE ACTING EITHER AS RESULT OF FALSE INFORMATION OR ON INITIATIVE BY MAKARIOS IN ATTEMPT TO BRING PRESSURE ON GOG OVER EOKA. TURKS DOUBTED GOG WOULD BE SO UNWISE AS TO USE EOKA-B TO ELIMINATE MAKARIOS OR TO TRY TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION BY FORCE.

5. UK EMBASSY NICOSIA REPORTS THAT FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES FELT GREEK MFA SUPPORT FOR TRADITIONAL CYPRUS POLICIES SINCERE BUT THAT "OTHER CIRCLES" IN GOG ARE SUPPORTING EOKA. AS EVIDENCE CHRISTOPHIDES POINTED TO GREEK FINANCING OF EOKA, RECENT THEFT OF NATIONAL GUARD ARMS, KAROUSOS' ESCAPE, AND IOANNIDES' OPPOSITION TO MAKARIOS' TIES WITH THE LEFT AND INDEPENDENCE FROM GREECE REGARDING THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. INTERESTINGLY, CHRISTOPHIDES SPECULATED THAT "CIRCLES" IN GREECE WERE TAKING FRESH LOOK AT ACHESON PLAN AND SAID MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION OF SOVIET ACTIONS IS GENUINE CONCERN AS WELL AS LEFT-WING PRESSURE ON CYPRUS. KISSINGER
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 063572

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COMMUNITY RELATIONS, POLITICAL STABILITY, INTERVENTION, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 MAR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE063572
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: RWERDMAN:MJB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740070-0186
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974033/aaaaaclm.tel
Line Count: 107
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 61581
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 APR 2002 by elyme>; APPROVED <24-Sep-2002 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET DEMARCHE TO ATHENS
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, CY, US, TU, GR, UK, UR
To: ATHENS NICOSIA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005